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1. SOUGHT AND OBTAINED MEETING WITH CHONA JAN 27 ON THIS SUBJECT WITH WHICH HE EXPRESSED IMMEDIATE FAMILIARITY AS IT HAD BEEN SUBJECT OF LONG CONSULTATION WITH ZAMBIAN PERMREP TO UN AMB KAMANA WHO ALSO PRESIDENT OF UN COUNCIL ON NAMIBIA.
2. CHONA PROMPTLY AGREED TO COOPERATE IN URGING HIGH-LEVEL UNITA REPRESENTATION AT DEBATE, PARTICULARLY IF MPLA STRONGLY REPRESENTED, BUT HE DOUBTED SAVIMBI WOULD BE AVAILABLE.
3. CHONA SPENT CONSIDERABLE TIME EXPLAINING CURRENT ZAMBIAN EFFORTS TO MINIMIZE ANGOLAN FACTOR DURING SC DEBATE AND SUGGESTED ROLE FOR USG TOWARD THIS END. SAID ZAMBIA APPRISED SOME TIME AGO BY SWAPO NUJOMA THAT SC DEBATE ON NAMIBIA WOULD BE USED BY THAT LIBERATION MOVEMENT TO PRESENT "CONCRETE AND CONSTRUCTIVE PROPOSALS FOR DEALING WITH CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUE." WHEN IT DISCOVERED THAT SUBJECT OF ANGOLA MIGHT INTERFERE WITH THIS STRATEGY, UNSUCCESSFUL EFFORT MADE TO POSTPONE DEBATE. AS CONSEQUENCE ZAMBIANS DECIDED TO DEAL WITH EXISTING SITUATION.

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KAMANA INSTRUCTED TO GET WITH SWAPO PEOPLE TO ASCERTAIN

WHAT KIND OF RESOLUTION THEY WANTED TO COME OUT OF SC DEBATE AND TO IMPRESS UPON SWAPO NECESSITY OF ENLISTING SUPPORT, STARTING WITH UN COUNCIL OF NAMIBIA AND OTHER STATES, SO THAT DEBATE WOULD DEAL EXCLUSIVELY WITH NAMIBIA AND REALIZE SWAPO'S OBJECTIVES. EVERY EFFORT WOULD BE MADE BY KAMANA TO POINT OUT THAT ZAIRE INTENDED TO PUT ANGOLA ON SC AGENDA AS SEPARATE SUBJECT AND THUS THERE NO NEED TO HAVE IT DEALT WITH AS PART OF THE DEBATE ON ANOTHER SUBJECT.

4. CHONA ALSO SAID KAMANA INSTRUCTED TO MAKE CONTACT WITH SOUTH AFRICANS IN NEW YORK TO ENLIST THEIR COOPERATION USING FOLLOWING ARGUMENTS. WHILE SAG NOT RPT NOT DE JURE AUTHORITY OVER NAMIBIA, IT WAS INDEED DE FACTO AUTHORITY. AS SAG WANTED TO DISCUSS NAMIBIA WITH OAU AND SHOULD DISCUSS IT WITH UN, IT COULD AS A START BEGIN ITS DISCUSSIONS WITH UN COUNCIL OF NAMIBIA ON WHICH ARE REPRESENTED 8 MEMBERS OF OAU. SAG SHOULD BE PERSUADED TO REALIZE WHAT A SERIOUS MISTAKE IT MAKING IF IT CONTINUED TO FOLLOW LINE THAT WHAT COMES OUT OF CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE IN WINDHOEK SHOULD BE DECISIVE AND GOVERNING BECAUSE RESULT WILL SURELY EXCLUDE SWAPO. SUCH EXCLUSION WILL IN FACT BE AN OPEN INVITATION TO EXTERNAL INTERVENTION A LA ANGOLA BY SWAPO, AIDED AND ABETTED BY SOVIETS AND CUBANS. THEREFORE CHONA'S ARGUMENTS AND KAMANA'S INSTRUCTIONS WERE TO CONVINCE PRETORIA THAT AS A WORKING PREMISE IT INVITE SWAPO TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FUTURE GOVT OF NAMIBIA. TO EXCLUDE SWAPO WOULD BE TO INVITE DISASTER AND STILL MORE TROUBLES FOR SOUTH AFRICA AND SOUTHERN AFRICA. RECOGNIZING PM VORSTER'S PERSONAL HATRED OF NUJOMA, CHONA SAID SAG NONETHELESS MUST REALIZE THAT NUJOMA IS NOT SWAPO. THE ORGANIZATION AND ITS OTHER LEADING OFFICIALS MUST BE LOOKED AT AS WELL. IN PARTICULAR CHONA CITED CAPABLE SWAPO REPS IN NEW YORK AND LUSAKA.

5. CHONA HOPED USUN COULD LIAISE WITH KAMANA, SWAPO REP, AND SAG AMB BOTHA IN PURSUANCE OF REASONABLE AND WORKABLE CONCRETE PROPOSALS WHICH WOULD RECONCILE OTHERWISE OPPOSING VIEWS IN NAMIBIA DEBATE SO AS TO PRODUCE A LANDMARK RESOLUTION WHICH WOULD BRING SWAPO AND SAG CLOSER TOGETHER

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